The Daily Courant.

Monday, January 4. 1703.

London, Jan. 3. *Yesterday arriv'd the* Mail *from* Holland *of* Tuesday December 29.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Jan. 9.

Riga, December 14.

THE Czar of Muscovy has publish'd an Edict, wherein he invites all Handicrafts-men, and other Persons skill'd in any Art or Trade, to come and settle in his Dominions: Promising, that as soon as they arrive on his Frontiers, they shall be conducted, at his Charge, to such Places as they themselves shall choose to dwell in; That they shall not only be allow'd the free Exercise of their Religion, but shall have Churches for the publick Exercise thereof; That they shall follow their Employments without being liable to any Taxes or Imposts; That as for such as are capable of promoting Commerce, but may want Means to carry it on, his Czarish Majesty will lend them Money without Interest; And finally, That such as upon tryal, may have no mind to continue in his Country, shall have liberty to depart; and shall be conducted to the Frontiers or any Sea-Port Town at his Expence. A Prisoner taken by the Swedes reports, That the Czar has a great number of Forces about Pleskow, who wait only for a hard Frost to execute some great Design. The Czar has caus'd a Major and 57 Soldiers to be hang'd, for not doing their Duty in the Siege of Notteburg.

From the Harlem Courant, dated Dec. 9.

Vienna, Dec, 23. They write from Passau, That had the Imperial Troops, appointed to Garrison that City, delay'd their march into it but two days longer, the Bavarians would have prevented them.

The Leiden Gazette, in the Article from Vienna of the 27th says, That some Bavarian Troops had attempted to surprize the City of Passau; that they actually entred it on the side of the Danube, but were driven out again by the Imperialists who are garrison'd in that Place; and that when the Courier, who brought this News to Vienna, came away, the Imperialists were in pursuit of them.

From the Harlem Courant, dated Dec. 27.

Vienna, Dec. 27. 'Tis resolv'd at Court to send for Count Guido Staremberg from Italy; He will make but a short stay here; and as soon as he is return'd again to the Army, Prince Eugene will come away to assist in the Emperor's Councils of War. There are several thousand Peasants commanded to lay a Bridge cross the Danube below Passau, for the Troops to pass over, that are to joyn the other Imperialists, and form a Camp near Lintz.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Dec. 27.

Vienna, Dec. 27. Count Schlick, who is to command in chief against the Elector of Bavaria, continues still here, the Troops that are to serve under him being not compleatly furnish'd yet with Arms and Ammunition; but 'tis said he will shortly take the Field, and forthwith enter upon Action. Two days ago the Sieur Parisot arriv'd here from the Duke of Lorrain, to acquaint the Emperor that his Master had been oblig'd, by the King of France's Order, to retire out of his Capital City, and let the French Troops take Possession of it.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Jan. 9.

Namur, Jan. 1. The Elector of Cologne has lately receiv'd Bills of Exchange to a considerable value, from the Court of France. On Christmas-day he gave a publick Audience to the Deputies of the States assembled at Liege, receiv'd them very favourably, and held a long Discourse with them about the present juncture of Affairs; and appointed Commissioners to treat with them on the Business of their Deputation: And 'tis said his Highness has already granted leave to the States of Liege to enter into a Neutrality with the Emperor and his Allies, on condition that the States shall pay him 50000 Rixdollars *per Annum*; for which his Highness engages on his part, to secure the City and Country of Liege from furnishing Contributions either to France or Spain. On the 30th of December nine Persons, as Representatives of the Estates of Liege, assembled at Dinant, the Count de Poitiers, the new Great Chancellor, opening the Diet in the Name of the Elector.

From the Harlem Courant, dated Jan. 9.

Liege, Jan. 3. The Deputies of our Estates are return'd hither, very well satisfied with their Negotiation with the Elector of Cologne at Namur; that Elector has given leave to the States, to treat of a Neutrality with the Confederates, but this Permission comes too late.

The Leiden Gazette says, That the States of Liege have sent Deputies to propose the Neutrality above mention'd to the States General.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Jan. 6.

The Count de Rousſy has brought Advice from Italy, That on the 21st of last Month the Duke of Vendome march'd out of Mantua, with 7 or 8000 Men and 10 pieces of Cannon, taking his way along the Mincio within the Seraglio, to attack the Castle of Governolo; which is on the same side, and was fortified with great care by the Enemy. The Count de Tesse, who led the Vanguard, exchang'd a few shot as he pass'd along with some Troops of Germans that appear'd on the other side of the River. Being advanc'd near the Place, he came to a Cassine, with Retrenchments flung up round it, palisadoed, encompass'd with a great Ditch full of Water, and defended by 300 Imperialists: He order'd it to be attack'd by the Chevalier de Maulevrier, with 4 Companies of Grenadiers, supported by other Troops. The Cassine was taken by Storm, and most of those that were in it were kill'd or taken. The Marquess de Luzzara, a Brigadier of Foot, and Collonel of the Duke of Mantua's Guards, an Officer of great worth, was kill'd in this Action; and the Marquess de Mirebeau, a Collonel of Foot, wounded. On the 22d the Duke de Vendome order'd the Trenches to be open'd, which were carry'd on to the Bank of the Ditch, and the Place to be batter'd; as likewise the Stone Bridge that lyes over the Mincio, which was broken. Prince Eugene, who was advanc'd in Person, apprehending least if the Bridge were quite ruin'd he should lose 1500 Men that were in the Place, caus'd it to be speedily repair'd,

pair'd, and order'd the Garriſon to retire over it, and to ſet fire to the Caſtle and the neighbouring Houſes; which was executed on the 25th. The Sieur du Buiſſon, Lieutenant of the Grenadiers of the Regiment of Burgundy, perceiving what was doing, went into the Retrenchments follow'd by ſome Soldiers, and from thence into the Caſtle, where he found thoſe that were left to ſet fire to the Place, ſome of which he kill'd, took the reſt, and put his Men to work to extinguiſh the Fire, and ſave the Magazines. Since which we have Advice, That Prince Eugene has quitted that part of Governolo which is ſituate on the other ſide of the Mincio, and all the other Poſts of which he was poſſeſs'd between it and Oſtiglia. The Count de Bezons has poſſeſs'd himſelf of Boretto and another Poſt near Berſello, by which that Garriſon is quite block'd up: And having planted ſome Mortars on an Eminence hard by the Place, bombarded it from the 17th to the 20th of laſt Month. Count Albergotti is mov'd towards San Felice, the more to incommode the Enemy.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated Jan. 9.

They Write from Berlin of the 2d inſtant, That the King of Poland is come into the Grand Alliance, by a Treaty which is actually concluded betwixt him and the Emperor; but that they cannot yet give us the certain Conditions of that Treaty.

Hague, Jan. 7. On Friday laſt a Trumpeter arriv'd here from Bruſſels, with a Letter from the Marſhal de Boufflers to our Velt Marſhal the Earl of Athlone, and his Excellency being in Gelderland, an Expreſs was ſent to him with it.

Hague, Jan. 8. The Earl of Athlone arriv'd here laſt night from Gelderland, and this morning waited on the Council of State.

London, Jan. 3. Laſt night the only Daughter of Sir Chriſtopher Wren was buried in St. Paul's.

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